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SEEDS



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SNAPDRAGONS

(Originator's Packets)

STOCK

SWEET PEAS



BULBS-PLANTS-CUTTINGS and SUPPLIES

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SNAPDRAGONS

Outstanding Selections

"All Snapdragon Seed Sold in Originator's Packets"

MARGARET

(Yoder)

A clean growing ivory white — lengthy spikes.

Trade Packet \$2.00

CHRISTINA

Light pink hybrid. Color deeper than
Mary Ellen.

Trade Packet \$3.50

MARY ELLEN

A very popular clear pink — early.

Trade Packet \$2.50

BARBARA

Early hybrid bronze.

Trade Packet \$3.50

LIBBY

Dark rose pink.

Trade Packet \$3.50

WHIRLAWAY

Light pink slightly deeper than Mary Ellen.

Trade Packet \$3.00

PATRICIA

Deep yellow hybrid. Has form of Margaret.

Trade Packet \$3.50

ROCKWOOD HYBRID WHITE No. 5

Good early white.

Trade Packet \$3.50

Quantity prices will be allowed — with a cash discount for cash with order. All seed is mailed free to any point in the United States.

NOTICE—We do not warrant in any way, expressed or implied the contents or the description, quality, productiveness, or any other matter of any seeds, bulbs or plants sold by us, and we will not be in any way responsible for the crop. If the purchaser does not accept these terms, the merchandise must be returned at once, and no sale is made thereof. All advance orders accepted subject to crop failure and any other causes beyond our control. ALL CLAIMS MUST BE MADE 5 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF GOODS.

GEO. K. GROFF (Madeline H. Steffy, Proprietor)

"Prices subject to change without notice"

SNAPDRAGONS

For Greenhouse Forcing

"All Snapdragon Seed Sold in Originator's Packets"

PINK and ROSE SHADES

| | Price Per Tr. Pkt. |
|--|-----------------------|
| Better Times, early Amer. Beauty rose color.. | \$2.00 |
| Christina, new light pink hybrid..... | 3.50 |
| Christmas Cheer, originator's seed-early, productive rose pink | 3.00 |
| Crusader, light rose pink, similar to Dorcas Jane | 3.00 |
| Delworth Supreme, early deep rose pink..... | 1.50 |
| Dorcas Jane, brilliant rose-pink hybrid, 2,000 seeds | 2.50 |
| Libby, hybrid, dark rose pink..... | 3.50 |
| Mary Ellen, hybrid, light clear pink, popular.. | 2.50 |
| Maryland Pink Imp., early light pink..... | 3.50 |
| Maxine, hybrid, early light salmon pink..... | 3.00 |
| Mountain Pink, early medium rose pink..... | 3.00 |
| Peggy Schumann, medium deep pink..... | 2.00 |
| Pensive, dark rose pink | 3.00 |
| Pensive, hybrid, dark pink..... | 3.00 |
| Rockwood Pink Supreme, a good color and producer | 2.00 |
| Star Charter, rose pink | 3.00 |
| Rockwood Early Hybrid Pink, good pastel shade | 3.50 |
| Rose Queen, deep rose | 1.50 |
| Whirlaway, light pink, slightly deeper than Mary Ellen | 3.00 |

YELLOW

| | |
|--|------|
| Carol Jean, no wild growth..... | 2.00 |
| Day Star, early yellow | 3.00 |
| Ethel, good producer, early | 1.50 |
| Gold Mine, deep golden yellow..... | 3.00 |
| Goldrush, new hybrid yellow..... | 3.50 |
| Klondyke Supreme, deep yellow..... | 1.50 |
| Patricia, new hybrid yellow, long spikes, early..... | 3.50 |
| Rockwood Yellow, good quality..... | 2.00 |
| Schlegel's Early Yellow, new..... | 2.00 |
| War Admiral, early yellow, follows Day Star | 3.00 |

RED

| | Price Per Tr. Pkt. |
|--|-----------------------|
| Crimson Queen, deep crimson early..... | \$2.00 |
| Priscilla Ann, early hybrid crimson..... | 3.50 |
| Red Lips, red and white..... | 2.00 |
| Red Wing, beautiful velvety red..... | 3.00 |
| Shisler's Red, wine red, very early..... | 2.00 |
| Schumann's Velvet Red | 3.00 |

LAVENDER SHADES

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|--|------|
| Lavender Rose, excellent color, late..... | 2.00 |
| Rockwood Winter Lavender | 2.00 |
| Schumann's Lavender, good lavender, spring | 2.00 |
| Windmiller's Lilac, early | 2.00 |

BRONZE SHADES

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|---|------|
| Afterglow, deep golden bronze..... | 1.50 |
| Barbara, new hybrid bronze pink throat, bronze lips | 3.50 |
| Bronze Christmas Cheer..... | 2.00 |
| Cavalcade, lively golden bronze..... | 3.00 |
| Gallant Fox, deep orange bronze..... | 3.00 |
| Gilbert's Bronze Beauty, good color..... | 2.00 |
| Glorious, deep reddish copper | 1.50 |
| Earlier Glorious, very true and uniform..... | 1.50 |
| Jubilee, light bronze hybrid..... | 3.50 |
| Lady Dorothy, copper red..... | 3.00 |

WHITE

| | |
|--|------|
| Apollo, ivory white similar to Margaret.... | 3.00 |
| Crystal White, new pure white for late flowering | 3.00 |
| Feist's White | 2.00 |
| Jet Pilot, medium early paper white..... | 3.00 |
| Junglewood White, dazzling white, mid-winter..... | 2.00 |
| Koester's White, slightly ruffled, early..... | 1.50 |
| Lucky Strike Improved, early white..... | 1.50 |
| Margaret, ivory white, good producer..... | 2.00 |
| Maryland White, early paper white..... | 3.50 |
| Meines Hybrid White, earlier than Margaret.. | 3.00 |
| Rockwood Early White, early & good grower | 2.00 |
| Rockwood Hybrid White No. 5, good early white | 3.50 |
| Schaffroth's White | 2.00 |
| Schlegel's White, pure white..... | 1.50 |
| Snowdrift, double white early | 3.00 |
| Snowman (Ball's) pure white..... | 3.50 |
| Snow Hybrid, fringed pure white..... | 3.00 |
| Tommy Armstrong, pure white, long stem and spike | 3.00 |
| Twenty Grand, medium early ivory white..... | 3.00 |

SWEET PEAS

EARLY OR WINTER FLOWERING

Information for Greenhouse Crops of Early Flowering Sweet Peas

| If Sown: | Will Flower |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| July..... | October to January |
| August..... | December to February |
| September | February to April |
| November..... | March to May |
| December..... | April to June |

PINK:

Apollo, light salmon cerise.
American Beauty, American Beauty rose.
Attraction, long stemmed salmon rose.
Ball Rose Improved, cerise pink.
Ball Salmon, coral pink.
Boon, deep coral pink.
Cavalcade, rich golden cerise.
Hiawatha, large flowered rose self.
Jeanne Mamitsch, rich pink.
Josie, excellent producer.
Laddie Improved, long stemmed rose-pink.
Majestic Rose, deep brilliant rose-pink.
Sequoia, golden cerise.
Titania, brighter than Josie.

BLUE:

Ball Blue Supreme.
Blue Bonnet, good clear blue.
Florist Blue, large blue.
Mrs. Herbert Hoover, clear blue.
Princess Blue, light blue.
Tahoe, good dark blue for spring.
Zvolanek, navy blue.

Varieties not listed can be supplied—on request.

Prices: $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.—35c; 1 oz.—55c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.—\$1.65; 1 lb.—\$6.00

LATE OR SUMMER FLOWERING SWEET PEAS

| | |
|----------|--------|
| White | Orange |
| Pink | Red |
| Lavender | Blue |

1 oz.—40c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.—\$1.25; 1 lb.—\$4.00

*Sweet Peas (continued)***SPRING FLOWERING**

(Cuthbertson)

Seed should be sown November 1st, to bloom April.**Carol**, clear pink.**Coline**, sunproof scarlet.**Danny**, navy blue.**David**, bright crimson.**Evelyn**, salmon cream pink.**Frank G.**, strong lavender.**Hazel**, light blue.**Janet**, large black-seeded white.**Jessie**, wavy satin mauve.**Katie**, rose cream pink.**Lois**, rose pink.**Marion**, extra long stemmed cream pink.**Tommy**, clear medium blue.**1/2 oz.—35c; 1 oz.—55c; 1/4 lb. —\$1.65 1 lb.—\$6.00**

AMERICAN GROWN AND IMPORTED BULBS**Fall and Spring Planting****NARCISSUS****GLADIOLUS****IRIS****LILLIES****TULIPS****FREESIA****HYACINTHS****TUBEROUS BEGONIAS****CROCUS****GLOXINIAS**

FIELD GROWN CARNATIONS

We can supply your needs in Field Grown Carnations for
the 1953 Season; clean well branched Field Grown Stock
July and later.

Note: Write for prices and further information on Bulbs and
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MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS

AGERATUM

- Blue Ball Improved, dwarf and compact.
Tr. pkt. 40c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.25; 1 oz. \$4.25
Blue Cap, rich blue, very compact.
Tr. pkt. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.20; 1 oz. \$3.50
Blue Perfection, dark blue.
Tr. pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 50c; 1 oz. \$1.65
Midget Blue, very dwarf, delicate foliage.
Tr. pkt. 40c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.75; 1 oz. \$6.00

ALYSSUM

- Bouquet (Carpet of Snow), good dwarf variety.
Tr. pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 75c; 1 oz. \$2.25
Royal Carpet, good new variety.
Tr. pkt. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$2.25; 1 oz. \$7.00
Snow Cloth, plants are flat and a mass of flowers.
Tr. pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 75c; 1 oz. \$2.25
Violet Queen, dwarf compact, rich shade of violet.
Tr. pkt. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.25; 1 oz. \$4.00

CALCEOLARIAS

- Gilbert's Strains:
Multiflora Nana, red Multiflora, yellow
Multiflora Nana, mixed
Trade Packets, \$1.25 each
- Regular Strain:
Multiflora Nana, mixed
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; $\frac{1}{64}$ oz. \$4.25; $\frac{1}{32}$ oz. \$8.00
- Miscellaneous Strain:
Dwarf Tigred and Spotted
Trade Packets, \$1.25 each

CALENDULA

- Ball Gold, long stemmed, large deep golden yellow.
Ball Lemon Queen, deep lemon yellow, brown eye, popular.
Ball Masterpiece, long stemmed, orange flower, dark center.
Ball Long Orange Improved, bright orange, light eye, long stem.
Sensation (Campfire Improved), brilliant orange with scarlet sheen.
Tr. pkt. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.00;
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$9.00

CANDYTUFT

- Giant Hyacinth Flowered White, superior strain, growing $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, excellent strain.
Tr. pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 90c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$3.00; 1 lb. \$10.00

CENTAUREA CYANUS (Cornflower)

- Blue Boy, excellent for cutting.
Red Boy, deep red.
Pinkie, deep pink.
White
Tr. pkt. 20c; 1 oz. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$1.65; 1 lb. \$5.50

CINERARIA

- Berlin Market, mixed colors, full bouquets of medium sized flowers.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; $\frac{1}{64}$ oz. \$2.00; $\frac{1}{32}$ oz. \$3.75
Cremer Improved Prize Strain (originator packets), small foliage, tremendous heads of flowers in bright colors.
Tr. pkt. \$1.75; $\frac{1}{64}$ oz. \$2.50; $\frac{1}{32}$ oz. \$4.50
Multiflora Nana Mixture, small flowers, very dwarf.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; $\frac{1}{32}$ oz. \$3.00
Multiflora Nana, gold center.
Trade Packet, \$1.25
Sitors Rainbow Strain (Re-selected)
Trade pkt. \$2.00; $\frac{1}{64}$ oz. \$2.75

CYCLAMEN (Imported Strain)

| | Per 100 | Per 1000 |
|--|---------|----------|
| Baardse Wonder, salmon with white border | \$2.50 | \$22.00 |
| Carmine Salmoneum, fiery salmon.... | 2.20 | 18.00 |
| Perle of Zehlendorf, dark salmon.... | 2.20 | 18.00 |
| Pure White | 1.90 | 17.50 |
| Rose of Marienthal, soft rose with carmine eye | 1.75 | 16.00 |
| Rose of Zehlendorf, light salmon..... | 2.40 | 20.00 |
| Bonfire, bright salmon scarlet..... | 2.50 | 22.00 |
| Rose of Aalsmeer, pure rose..... | 1.75 | 16.00 |
| (250 seeds of a variety at 1000 rate) | | |

DELPHINIUM

- Giant Pacific Hybrids:
Blue Bird, clear medium blue, white bee.
Cameliard, pure lavender self, white bee.
Galahad, enormous clear white, white bee.
Guinevere, light pink, lavender self, white bee.
King Arthur, brilliant royal violet, large white bee.
Summer Skies Series, clearest light blue, white bee.
Tr. pkt. \$1.25; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. \$2.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$4.50;
1 oz. \$15.00
- Finest Mixture, well balanced mixture of Pacific Giants.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. \$2.00; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$3.50;
1 oz. \$12.00
- Miscellaneous Types:
Blackmore & Langdon Hybrids, good strain.
Tr. pkt. 40c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.00

*Miscellaneous Seeds (continued)***DELPHINIUM (Continued)**

- Belladonna Improved** (Cliveden Beauty), turquoise blue.
 Tr. pkt. 40c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.25
Bellamosum Improved, large deep blue.
 Tr. pkt. 40c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.25
Lamartine, deep bright marine blue, good cut flower habit.
 Tr. pkt. 55c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.50; 1 oz. \$5.00

DAHLIAS

- Unwin Dwarf Hybrid Ideal Bedding Mixture**, early flowering semi-double, 18 in., a wide range of colors.
 Tr. pkt. 30c; 1 oz. \$2.75

DIDISCUS

- Coerulea**, (blue laceflower).
 Tr. pkt. 25c; 1 oz. \$1.00

GYPSOPHILA (Baby's Breath) Annual

- Covent Garden Strain**, pure white.
 1 oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c; 1 lb. \$2.50
London Market Improved, taller and later than Covent.
 1 oz. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c; 1 lb. \$2.25

KALANCHOE

- Tom Thumb**, ideal for pot plants.
 Tr. pkt. \$1.50; 1/64 oz. \$5.50; 1/32 oz. \$10.00

LARKSPUR**(Giant Imperial or Base Branching)**

- Blue Bell**, clear mid-blue.
Brilliant Rose (New), deep salmon rose, with brilliant carmine.
Dazzler, rich scarlet.
Gloria Improved, deep salmon rose.
Lilac King, rich lilac, full double.
Miss California, deep rose on salmon.
Pink King, soft shade of salmon rose.
Sweet Lavender, lavender color.
White King, best white.
Finest Mixed, named varieties.
 Tr. pkt. 30c; 1 oz. \$1.25; 4 oz. \$4.00
 1 lb. \$13.00

- (Super Majestic)**, rose pink, bright rose, deep salmon pink, lavender, medium white, large flowered.
 Tr. pkt. 30c; 1 oz. \$1.25; 1 lb. \$13.00

- Regal Strain**, lilac, white, salmon rose.
 Tr. pkt. 40c; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. \$1.10; 1 oz. \$2.00

PANSIES

- Englemann's Giant Mixture** (originator seed), dark and light shades, huge flowers compact and early flowering.
 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$4.00; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. \$7.00; 1 oz. \$14.00
Roggli Swiss Giant Improved Mixed
 Tr. pkt. \$1.50; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. \$3.75; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$7.00;
 1 oz. \$22.00
Maple Leaf Giants, large flowering strain.
 Tr. pkt. 65c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. \$1.65; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$3.00;
 1 oz. \$10.00
Greenhouse Winter Pansy, tall long-stemmed, giant flowers.
 Tr. pkt. \$1.10; 1/16 oz. \$2.00; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. \$3.50
Steele's Butterfly Hybrids—Excellent colors.
 1/16 oz. \$2.50; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. \$4.00; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$7.00;
 1 oz. \$22.50
Jumbo Mixed—1/16 oz. \$1.75; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. \$3.25
 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$5.50; 1 oz. \$18.00

PHLOX

- Groff's Special Dwarf Mixture**, (limited supply). We think our strain is one of the best. Write for price.

PRIMULA OBCONICA

- Fasbender's Red**, deep crimson red.
Mohnstein's Atrosanguinea, dark blood red.
Mueller's Berlin Rose, soft medium rose.
White
 Tr. pkt. \$1.25; 1/64 oz. \$2.75; 1/32 oz. \$5.00

STOCK**NON BRANCHING**

- Apricot**, large flowered creamy buff.
Dark Blue
Gardenia, shimmering white.
Ball White No. 16
Rose Pink, clear rose pink
Ruby, crimson red.
Silver Lilac, lilac lavender.
Yellow Wonder, rich creamy yellow.
 Tr. pkt. \$1.25; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$2.75; 1 oz. \$10.00
Royal Purple
 Tr. pkt. \$1.25; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$3.00; 1 oz. \$10.00

GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA—Branching

- Pacific**, blue.
Red Woods, blood red.
Yosemite, rose pink.
Tahoe, lavender.
Santa Maria, white.
Santa Barbara, chamois.
 Tr. pkt. 40c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.40; 1 oz. \$4.75

SUNDRIES

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|---|---------------------------|
| ELECTRA —Fertilizer—5-10-3 Organic | 80 lbs.— \$6.00 |
| HORMODIN No. 1 | 1 lb. Tin— 3.00 |
| ROOTONE —a plant Hormone powder for rooting cuttings | 2 oz.—\$1.00; 1 lb.— 5.00 |

PLANTHION—Wettable, 15% (For outdoor use only). Good control on Cyclamen mite on Delphinium, and also good for Red Spiders..... 4 lbs.— \$4.75

SOILENE—For soil insects, roaches, Symphyllids, Sowbugs, Springtails, Cutworms, Thrips in soil, Millipedes, etc. 50 lbs.—\$16.00; 100 lbs.—\$30.00; 500 lbs.—\$125.00

BUG-GETTA PELLETS—Cutworms, snails, etc. 2.00

LETHALAIRES

| G-50 | G-52 | G-53 | G-54 | G-56 | G-57 | G-58 |
|----------|----------|---------|---------------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| USDA-104 | USDA-153 | USDA-86 | USDA-151 | USDA-107 | USDA-A178 | USDA |
| 5% DDT | 5% TEPP | 5% DDT | 10% Parathion | 5% HETP | 5% Dithiono | 10% K6451 |

\$8.50 \$6.50 \$8.50 \$8.00 \$6.50 \$8.00 \$10.00

GAS MASK G-3 F D—Complete with Canister, cardboard carton..... \$20.00

GAS MASK G-3 F D—Complete with Canister, fibre carrying case..... 25.00

EXTRA CANISTERS 3.40

LETHALAIRES APPLICATORS—24" with cylinder pack..... 5.50

36" " " " 6.50

48" " " " 7.00

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CUPRINOL GREEN-10—This wood preservative can be used to protect your frames, seed boxes, benches, flats and stakes..... 1 gal. can—\$4.70; 5 gal. can—\$22.00; 50 gallon drum—\$190.00

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250 quart (10 lbs.) drum..... \$4.00 500 quart (20 lbs.) drum..... \$7.50

1000 quart (40 lbs.) drum..... 13.50 2000 quart (80 lbs.) drum..... 25.00

FLORALIFE PACKETS with your own 3 line imprint.

500 imprinted packets—2 qt. size—factory filled \$25.00

1000 imprinted packets—2 qt. size—factory filled 40.00

Unfilled, imprinted envelopes for hand-filling \$10.00 per 1000.

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DEENATE 50-W-DuPont DDT Wettable Powder 4 lbs.—\$3.20; 25 lbs.—\$18.75

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DOWSPRAY 17—To control Red Spider, Mite and Thrip.

1 lb. cans—\$3.00; case of 8 1-lb. cans—\$20.25

D. N. SULPHUR DUST No. 10—Effective as a dust for Red Spider, Thrip and Rust on Carnations. Good for field control..... 10 lbs.—\$3.50; 50 lbs.—\$12.50

PARZATE—Excellent organic fungicide 3 lbs.—\$2.70; case (12 3-lb. bags)—\$31.20

ZERLATE—Best organic fungicide for Carnations..... 3 lbs.—\$ 2.70

ARAMITE, 15 W 4 lb. bag—\$ 3.20

OPTOX—Effective insecticide 1 gallon 10% DDT—\$12.00

SODIUM SELENATE P-40—Contains 2% sodium selenate impregnated on 20% superphosphate.

25 lbs.—\$4.25 100 lbs.— \$15.00 1000 lbs.—\$130.00

50 lbs.— 8.00 500 lbs.— 70.00 2000 lbs.— 250.00

DU PONT SPREADER STICKER—Combined spreader and sticker.

Pint— \$1.25 1 gallon—\$8.00

BENZO-FUME PRESSURE FUMIGATORS

1 case (12 1/2-lb. cans)—\$3.20; 1 case (12 1-lb. cans)—\$5.50

HYPOZENE 70 5 lbs.—\$11.00; 10 lbs.—\$20.00

NICO-FUME LIQUID 1 gal. (8 lbs.)—\$11.95; 5 gal. (40 lbs.)—\$51.60

NICO-FUME PRESSURE FUMIGATORS

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TO-NA-CIDE—Patent No. 1941055

5 lbs.—\$1.25; 25 lbs.—\$5.00; 50 lbs.—\$10.50; 100 lbs.—\$20.00

With 2% DDT 25 lbs.—\$5.50; 50 lbs.—\$11.50; 100 lbs.—\$22.00

VAPOTONE—The new Red Spider spray of Hexaethyl Tetra-Phosphate. 1 gallon—\$11.90

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